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WM. G. IRWIN & Co.,
SUGAR FACTORS and Commission
AGENTS. Honolulu, H. I. Jan 1884-d&w

S. M. CARTER,
Agent to take acknowledgments to
Contracts for Labor, Office, P. M. S. S. Dock
Telephone No. 41. Oct 1883-d&w

THOS. J. HAYSLEDEN,
Auctioneer, Kohala, Hawaii. Sales
of Real Estate, Goods and Property of every
description attended to. Commissions moderate.
Oct 1883-d&w

JOHN RUSSELL,
Attorney at Law.
No. 42 MERCHANT STREET, NEAR FORT ST.
Jan 1884-d&w

S. J. LEVEY & CO.,
Grocers and Provision Dealers.
Family-Grocery and Feed Store.
Orders entrusted to us from the other island will
be promptly attended to. 42 Fort St., Honolulu.
Jan 1884-d&w

M. PHILLIPS & Co.,
Importers and Wholesale Dealers in
Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Men's Furnish-
ing and Fancy Goods. No. 11 Kaahumanu Street,
Honolulu, H. I. Jan 1884-d&w

LEWERS & COOKE,
(Successors to Lewers & Cooke)
Dealers in Lumber and Building Ma-
terials. Fort Street. Oct 1883-d&w

E. S. CUNHA,
Retail Wine Dealer, Union Saloon.
In the rear of the Hawaiian Gazette Building,
No. 23 Merchant Street. Jan 1884

J. M. DAVIDSON,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
No. 13 KAAHUMANU STREET.
HONOLULU. Oct 1883-d&w

CLARENCE W. ASHFORD,
ATTORNEY, SOLICITOR, ETC.
No. 15 Kaahumanu Street.
HONOLULU. Oct 1883-d&w

F. A. SCHAEFER & CO.,
Importers & Commission Merchants
HONOLULU, H. I.
apl-w

G. W. MACFARLANE & CO.,
Importers, Commission Merchants,
and Sugar Factors.
Fire-Proof Building, - Queen Street, Honolulu.
AGENTS FOR

Kilauea Sugar Co., Kailua.
The Waikanae Sugar Plantation, Maui.
The Spencer Sugar Plantation, Hawaii.
Honolulu Sugar Co., Honolulu.
Honolulu Sugar Mill, Maui.
Honolulu Sugar Plantation, Maui.
Redprock Sugar Co., Hana.
Makaha Sugar Plantation, Oahu.
Okala Sugar Co., Hilo, Hawaii.
Olowalu Sugar Co., Maui.
Punahoa Sheep Ranch Co., Hawaii.
J. Fowler & Co., Steam Plow and Portable Tram-
way Works, Leeds.
Mirless, Watson & Co.'s Sugar Machinery, Glas-
gow.
Glasgow and Honolulu Line of Packets.
Liverpool and Honolulu Line of Packets.
London and Honolulu Line of steamers.
San Fire Insurance Co., of London.
apl d&w 3ms

BY AUTHORITY.



At a meeting of His Majesty's Cabinet Council held to-day, the following resolution was passed:—
Resolved, That the Minister of Finance be and he is hereby authorized to require the payment of Customs Duties in United States gold coin, accord-
ing to law, on and after the 1st day of June, 1884.

JNO. M. KAPENA,
Minister of Finance.
Treasury Department, May 15, 1884.
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Foreign Office Notice.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been pleased to
grant Letters Patent of Denization to
JOSEPH SYKES WEBB,
and to
GEORGE WILLIAMS PARKER.
Aliipoli Hale, May 13, 1884. my14-dit-w3t

Wednesday, the 11th day of June, the Commem-
oration of Kamehameha I., will be observed as a
Public Holiday, and all Government Offices
throughout the Kingdom will be closed.
CHAS. T. GULICK,
Minister of Interior.
Department of Interior, May 12, 1884. my17-w3t

LIST OF LICENSES

Expiring in the Month of May,
1884.

RETAIL—OAHU.

- 1 Robert Von Oelshafen, King street, Honolulu
- 2 Yee Hin, Maunaloa
- 3 Enterprise Feed Co., corner Queen and Edin-
burgh streets, Honolulu
- 4 Hart Bros., Hotel street, "
- 5 Wong Sang, Nuuanu street "
- 6 Antonio Lopez, King street "
- 7 Chee Hin, King street (Palama) "
- 8 Kon Chee & Kon Leen "
- 9 Wee Hop, Waikiki-kai "
- 10 Ah Kat, Fish Market "
- 11 Fong Chun Hong, Maunakea street "
- 12 Kin O Tong, Hotel street "
- 13 Sun Yick, Maunakea street "
- 14 Akoi & Co., Nuuanu street "
- 15 A. A. Jones, Leeward street "
- 16 A. Hopper, Esplanade "
- 17 A. De Souza, King street "
- 18 Hopp & Co., King street "
- 19 Nam Chong & Co., cor King & Nuuanu sts "
- 20 Geo Chu Kee, King street "
- 21 Don Hang Cheong & Co., Heela, Koolapoko "
- 22 Lee Tuck Lee, Nuuanu street, Honolulu "
- 23 Yet Sun & Co., Maunakea street "
- 24 A. S. Cleghorn & Co., cor. Queen &
Kaahumanu sts. "
- 25 Fui Sing, Kapalama "
- 26 G. du Commun, King street "
- 27 Chu Sam, King street "
- 28 Ah Hana, Waialua "
- 29 J. Fisher, Liliha street "
- 30 Hong Lum Tong, Hotel street "
- 31 Young Wa, Maunakea street "
- 32 Ten Sian, Beretania street "
- 33 Mrs W. H. Wilkinson, Fort street "

HAWAII.

- 1 Ka Kahuana, Puna
- 2 J. Bicknell, Kukuhihale, Hamakua
- 3 C. L. Aleona, Waiohinu, Kau
- 4 C. Y. Aloha, Pauwalo, Hamakua
- 5 Atin, Honokaa, Hamakua
- 6 Yee Kee, Paikaa
- 7 Hui Opiopio o ko Hookena, Kohala Akua
- 8 J. Kahu, Kahala, Hilo
- 9 Tong Man, Laupahoehoe
- 10 Hui Kahupe o ka-Apapa o Kona Akau, Kona
Akau
- 11 Nee Lee, Beretania street, Honolulu
- 12 C. H. Wetmore, Hilo
- 13 T. C. Willis, Pahala, Kau
- 14 Sam Kee, Paikaa, Hamakua
- 15 Pang Kee, Honokaa
- 16 Chung Lee & Lum Kee, Oolaka, Hilo
- 17 W. H. Holmes, Honokaa, Hamakua
- 18 L. Ayari, Makapuu, N. Kohala

MAUI.

- 1 Sam'l Obed Kala, Kahului
- 2 Chee Kim, Lahaina
- 3 Chas Sylva, Waikuku
- 4 C. C. Kirkwood, Lahaina
- 5 C. H. Dieke, Haiku
- 6 Tien You, Makawao
- 7 Ah Wana, Makawao
- 8 Achy, Lahaina
- 9 A. Elos & Co., Waikuku
- 10 Quong Lung, Waikuku
- 11 Young Hee, Waikuku
- 12 Chui Sing Wo, Waikuku

KAUAI.

- 1 C. Borchgrevink, Kekaha, Waimea
- 2 Aho, Waimea
- 3 Chung Tai, Waimea
- 4 Ah Chong, Waimea
- 5 Koloa Sugar Co., Koloa
- 6 Peter Richmond, Waimea

WHOLESALE.

- 1 S. Cohn & Co., Nuuanu street, Honolulu
- 2 E. P. Adams, Queen street, Honolulu
- 3 Hamilton Johnson, Queen street, Honolulu
- 4 A. S. Cleghorn & Co., cor. Queen &
Kaahumanu sts. "
- 5 F. A. Schaefer & Co., cor Merchant and Kaah-
umanu street, Honolulu

VICTUALING.

- 1 Robert Von Oelshafen, King street, Honolulu
- 2 Yet Ching Chon, Pauwalo, Hamakua, Hawaii
- 3 J. Mats, Waikuku, Maui
- 4 Ah Pe, Paila, Makawao, Maui
- 5 Chon Chee & Chan Leen, Hotel st, Honolulu
- 6 Chon Chan, Hotel street, Honolulu
- 7 Acana, Waianae
- 8 Gee Wo, Waikuku
- 9 Cheek Han, Nuuanu street, Honolulu
- 10 Lam Toi, Maunakea street, Honolulu
- 11 Ho Ten Chuek, cor Merchant and Alakea sts,
Honolulu
- 12 A Chin, Lahaina

17 Kim Faa, Paila, Maui
22 Don Hang Cheong, Heela, Koolapoko
22 Ho Yack Kee, Puncbowli street, Honolulu
22 Ah Chow, Smith street, Honolulu
22 Yan Yee Kee, Punahoa, Kau
26 Ah Lum, Niihii, N. Kohala
28 G. Ahtate, Hana
28 Kilauea Sugar, Co., Kilauea, Kauai

DEALERS SPIRIT.
5 Sam'l Nowlan, King street, Honolulu
BOAT.
1 Elemanuile, Hilo

PORK BUTCHER.
15 Sing Yee Hop, Waianae, Oahu

MILK.
16 Kauleka, Honolulu

BUTCHER.
17 T. C. Clarke & Co., Kipahulu, Hana, Maui

BILLIARD.
21 Sam'l Obed, Kahului, Maui

CAKE PIEDLING.
19 Ah Sen, Kapaa, Kauai. my10-w3t

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Editorial Articles.

FROM THE DAILY P. C. A.

By giving notice that after June 1st the law as to Customs duties being paid in gold will be put into force the Government has brought the question of our currency to a crisis. By whatever methods the intervening difficulties and inconveniences may be bridged over there can be little doubt that this community will revert to the gold standard as being the only safe and suitable one for people whose foreign trade is almost entirely with countries in which transactions have to be settled in gold.

For the purpose of internal trade, silver coins and silver certificates are all that is necessary, but the moment that money is wanted for the purpose of remittance, as it has been here for at least a year past, the difference of market value between silver and gold makes itself manifest at once. Silver has been falling in value in comparison with gold for a long time now, and all the silver coins in the world are bearing a face value which, when measured in gold, is quite fictitious. If the nominal values were to be readjusted to-day on the basis of the actual relative value of gold and silver, ounce for ounce, the remedy would only be a temporary one because there is every prospect of silver falling still lower in the market being its production enormous whilst that of gold is contracting year by year. Moreover the current value of silver has been kept up in a factitious manner by the Silver Law of the United States which has been constantly withdrawing a large part of the local production from the market and so moderating the supply. Of course the time may come when silver will become more scarce and therefore rise in its value in relation to gold, but there are no signs of such a change approaching, and if it did come it would not interfere with the position of our currency if that were once established on a gold basis. On the other hand there is always the fear before our eyes that the United States may, at any moment, change its law and cease

to bolster up the silver market. In such a case, unless production is greatly checked at the same time, an ounce of gold would soon be worth twenty ounces of silver.

The safe and sound thing to do, therefore, is to make the effort at once. The course of exchange having gone badly against us, has, or ought to have, taught a lesson to the most stubborn. Public opinion has been gradually turning in favor of a gold basis for our currency. Recent events have attracted universal attention to the subject and the time is now opportune for a radical change. We trust that there will be no faltering of purpose now, and that the year 1884 will be marked in the annals of Hawaiian commerce as the year in which our business men awoke from their delusions and made up their minds once and for all that gold should in future be the legal tender of the country. The motto for the day in this matter is "Where there's a will there's a way."

MR. W. O. SMITH's bill to amend the law relating to libel, elicited some animated remarks to-day afternoon. The proposed amendment is to abolish imprisonment, or rather to render it discretionary with the Court, to either inflict a fine or punish by imprisonment for the offence in either degree. Mr. Widemann saw no necessity whatever for the proposed amendment, as during his long sojourn in this country he had never known of a conviction on a charge of libel. The Attorney-General was of opinion that the existing law did require amending, but not as proposed by the Honorable Member for Waialua. He (the A. G.) would suggest at least one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000 as the punishment in the first degree, and three months' imprisonment and a fine of \$500 for whoever is guilty of the offence in the second degree. In view of the statements made by His Excellency, there is every probability of the law being amended, but in a very different manner from that proposed in the original bill. It looks as though no discretion will be left to the Court in the matter of imprisonment, but that it will be a necessary consequence where a conviction is had. Had not the law been meddled with, it might have remained as it is, but the surrounding circumstances seem to tend in the direction pointed out above.

THE prospectus of "The City of Paris Steamship Company" is before us. This undertaking is submitted to the public for the purpose of establishing a line of steamers between England, Honolulu and San Francisco, and primarily to purchase, as a pioneer ship, the S. S. "City of Paris," now nearly due with Portuguese immigrants. Messrs. A. Hoffnung & Co., of London are the managing directors, the Honolulu and San Francisco agents being Messrs. Geo. W. Macfarlane & Co., and Messrs. J. D. Spreckels & Bros., respectively. The prospectus sets forth that one-half of the

capital is being first offered for subscription in the Islands, the time for closing the lists (the subscribers to which will be entitled to participate in the profits of the current voyage,) being set at the 14th of June.

We can recollect the time when the "City of Paris," of the Inman, and the "Russia," of the Cunard Line, used to contest for the blue ribbon of the Atlantic. Since then the former has been fitted with new machinery said to be of the most improved modern type, and the surveyor's report shews her to be in first-class condition. For particulars, however, as to her build, registered tonnage, and speed, we refer our readers to the prospectus, which, we understand, the local agents are widely distributing.

We hope and do not doubt that this enterprise will turn out well, and we may be pardoned taking some pride in the fact that our port has got to be so important, that the establishment of a regular line of steamers between England and Honolulu is one of the probabilities of the near future. Hawaiians will only be following the fashion of all the commercial world if they prefer steamers to sailing ships. Whether for short distances or long ones the steamship is a year by year more completely taking the place of the sailing vessel on every line on which traffic by sea has been developed. These Islands have necessarily to fall into this line of progress and the history of the past few years has shown that their business men and ship owners are not slow to recognise the truth of this.

The present would seem to be a good time for the establishment of such an enterprise. The very fact of freights being so low which might be used as an argument *per contra* has led to a reduction in the price of steamers, the cost of which is materially less now than it was a year ago, or that it probably will be a year hence. History repeats itself, and periods of commercial animation alternate with times of depression and will continue to do so; for it seems to be human nature always to keep up the supply till it overflows the demand. Freights, like the price of commodities will adjust themselves.

Hawaiian investors should bear in mind that the Panama Canal is going to make a great difference in the importance of the Islands, and the completion of it will greatly enhance the value of "City of Paris" shares, which we hope will be at a handsome premium by that time. The prospectus intimates the intention of the managers to ask a moderate subsidy of the Hawaiian Government, and we cannot think that there will be any opposition to its being granted. The suggestion as to the steamers being registered here and carrying the Hawaiian flag, will surely commend itself to a patriotic legislature.

A difference: A friend of mine, when told the other day of the death of a well known stock dealer, replied: "Why, he's worse off than I am, I'm dead broke, but he's a dead broker."